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SUBJECT: CALL BY SRI LANKA DEPUTY MINISTER JAYAKODY ON
UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

BEGIN SUMMARY: CEYLONese DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENSE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY
SISCO JULY 10. ALSO PRESENT WERE CEYLONese AMBASSADOR
KANAKARATNE, AND NEA/INS OFFICERS KUX AND LEADERS. SISCO
NOTED US/SRI LANKA BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE HIGHLY
SATISFACTORY AND THERE WERE NO OUTSTANDING BILATERAL
PROBLEMS BETWEEN US. HE WENT ON TO GIVE DETAILED RUN-
DOWN OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN WHICH BOTH U.S. AND SRI
LANKA ARE INTERESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. SISCO NOTED OUR CONCERN OVER CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC
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PROBLEMS AND PARTICULARLY OVER EFFECT OF RAPID WORLD

INFLATION ON COUNTRIES SUCH AS SRI LANKA. ON U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT HE STATED IT HAD TURNED OUT AS WE EXPECTED. DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMPLEX. ON U.S. CHINA RELATIONS, HE SAID BOTH SIDES CONTINUED TO BE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIP. REGARDING INDIAN OCEAN, SISCO NOTED DIFFERING U.S. AND CEYLONESE POSITIONS BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MANNER IN WHICH GSL HAD PRESENTED ITS VIEWS ON SUBJECT.

2. JAYAKODY CONCURRED IN SISCO ASSESSMENT OF GOOD U.S. SRI LANKA RELATIONS. SAID "POLITICAL FRIENDSHIP" HAD EVOLVED FROM PRIMIN BANDARANAIKE'S VISIT IN 1971 AND SINCE HAD GONE FROM "STRENGTH TO STRENGTH". IN COMMENT ON SRI LANKA'S VIEW OF SOUTH ASIA, JAYAKODY NOTED REQUIREMENT THAT SRI LANKA HAVE GLOBAL, NOT JUST REGIONAL OUTLOOK. MENTIONED ALSO THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S.-PRC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN WELCOME TO CEYLONESE.

3. WITH REGARD TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, JAYAKODY RECALLED CEYLONESE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT GSL ACCEPTED ASSURANCES OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT THAT TEST WAS PEACEFUL, BUT SAID "AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS" THE CEYLONESE ARE WORRIED; THIS WORRY WOULD BE HEIGHTENED IF INDIA SHOULD MOVE TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR WARHEAD. JAYAKODY EXPLAINED GSL RESTRAINT IN ITS PUBLIC REACTION AS NECESSARY IN CONTEXT OF DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS THEN IN TRAIN OVER SETTLEMENT WITH INDIA ON DISPUTED KACHCHATIVU ISLAND.

4. DETAILED MEMCON BEING POUCHED.

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